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JULIA COWELL STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY, SYSTEMS AND MENTAL HEALTH NURSING



JULIA MUENNICH COWELL, PHD, RNC, FAAN
Retiring Chairperson of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing

In her nearly 10 years as chairperson of the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing in the Rush College of Nursing, Julia Muennich Cowell, PhD, RNC, FAAN, has navigated a host of changes in nursing education — an upswing in online learning, an increased emphasis on nursing research and an expanding skill set for practicing nurses. With her June retirement, Cowell leaves behind nationally respected programs in community and mental health nursing that are positioned to lead the continued evolution of nursing education.

All three specializations within the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing are ranked among the nation's best by *U.S.News & World Report* magazine's latest "America's Best Graduate Schools" survey of nursing education: fifth in Community and Public Health Nursing, sixth in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing and tenth in Family Nurse Practitioner. According to Cowell, the rankings reflect the college's forward thinking in these areas.

"The college's focus has been to develop our programs to speak to the needs of professionals who want to pursue a graduate degree," Cowell said. "When I came to Rush, the college had only a couple of online courses. Now, our department has online programs in public health nursing and psychiatric-mental health nursing — the college's first all-online master's program — which have increased enrollment significantly and allowed us to meet the needs of today's graduate students."

The Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing also works to meet the needs of Chicago's communities. Through school-based interventions, including the management of student health

services at Crane Tech Prep Common School and Orr-Rezin Academy in Chicago, Rush faculty are dedicated to improving the health of Chicago's school students. And on a broader scale, department faculty's widespread involvement in national professional societies leads nursing innovations to help patients nationwide.

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"Our department's faculty are active in a number of national nursing organizations in community and mental health. We're not just advancing nursing education here at Rush — we're advancing it on a national scale, and I'm very proud of that," Cowell said. "Our faculty are always asking, 'What do nursing students need, and what should we as faculty be thinking about in terms of having our graduates be the best?'"

For Cowell, one of the greatest marks of her department's success is its faculty's promising research and the growth of its young researchers into principal investigators. While at Rush, Cowell served as principal investigator of the Mexican-American Problem Solving program, which established mental health interventions for immigrant Mexican women and their fourth- and fifth-grade children. Now, her two coinvestigators for that study, Diane McNaughton, PhD, RNC, and Sarah Ailey, PhD, RNC, are launching their research careers as principal investigators for projects of their own. She feels it is in relationships like these with students and colleagues that her impact will continue to be felt at Rush, even into her retirement.

"My research and practice has been really important to me personally," Cowell said. "But I think it is through the mentoring relationships I've had with students and other faculty that my impact grows exponentially as these professionals grow into the next generation of nursing leaders."

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN MELANIE DREHER

NEW PLANS WILL BRING OUR VISION INTO FOCUS

Over the last two years, Rush University College of Nursing faculty and I have been drafting a new strategic plan, one that will support our vision of becoming the college of choice for client-centered and evidence-based nursing practice and an innovator in education and nursing research. Shifting to PhD and general entry master's programs are both key initiatives in supporting this mission. But we're prepared to do even more.

We plan to more closely align the college's educational and research efforts with the Medical Center's key strengths in specialty care, which will allow students and faculty alike to build on the Medical Center's resources in these areas. We will further our efforts to create a virtual community of scholars through online education and long-distance learning resources. We will offer additional training in technology and coursework in management skills to prepare our graduates to lead in the complex health care environments of the future. And with genereous support from the Golden Lamp Society, we are creating a new Center for Research and Scholarship that will strengthen our clinical science and translational research, allowing our students and faculty to advance the body of knowledge within their fields.

During my first two years as dean of Rush College of Nursing, it's been my distinct honor to meet Rush alumni from across the country who are leading nursing practice, education and research, all of whom have shown great interest in and support of the college's own efforts to shape the future of nursing education. I am very pleased that the college's new strategic plan will give us the direction we need to continue doing just that.

Best wishes.

Milein J. Druker

NEW AND IMPROVED NURSING ALUMNI WEB SITE

The Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Nurses Alumni Association and Rush's Office of Alumni Relations have launched a new Web site for nursing alumni. The site will feature upcoming events, college news, alumni privileges and class notes, among other content geared toward alumni of Rush and its predecessor schools.

Visit us online at http://con.rushalumni.org today.

RUSH ALUMNA IS FIRST NURSE HONORED WITH AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AWARD

Lynne Braun, PhD, RN, ANP (Rush 1980 and 1997), is a firm believer in Rush's teacher-practitioner model of nursing education. As a nurse practitioner in Rush's Preventive Cardiology Center and Heart Center for Women and associate professor in the Department of Adult Health Nursing, Braun lives that model each day.

Her contributions in each of these arenas and her community outreach recently earned outstanding recognition from the American Heart Association (AHA) of Metropolitan Chicago: Braun became the first nurse to be honored with the prestigious Coeur d'Or (Heart of Gold) Award — an honor she feels represents not only her own commitment, but that of all nurses in heart care.

"I was so proud to represent nursing in receiving this award," Braun said. "It was gratifying to showcase to the hundreds of people who attended this year's Chicago Heart Ball what nurses do and the level of involvement that nurses have in the AHA and community outreach."

The award reflects Braun's focus on cardiovascular disease prevention through her patient care at Rush and extensive community outreach in Chicago, which centers on risk reduction for women. Braun remains involved in broader initiatives as well, as a member of the board of directors for the AHA of Metropolitan Chicago and president of the Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association. She also worked alongside Rush cardiologist Annabelle Volgman, MD, to establish the Heart Center for Women — Chicago's first heart care center devoted exclusively to women — and has been a co-investigator on research into effective risk-reduction interventions for patients with heart disease.



LYNNE BRAUN, PHD, RN, ANP (RUSH 1980 AND 1997)

"What brought me to Rush and kept me here is truly the teacher-practitioner model of education. I've been very invested in my research, but I've always gone back to practice because that's who I am. I'm a nurse first. I feel privileged that I've been able to prove the positive impact nurses can make in heart care."











COLLEGE NEWS

RESEARCH ::

The Golden Lamp Society, the premier giving society of Rush College of Nursing, has awarded a grant of more than \$175,000 to the College of Nursing to support the start-up costs of the new Center for Clinical Research and Scholarship. Directed by RUTH KLEINPELL, PhD, RN (RUSH 1995), the center will create a formal venue for the evolution of evidence-based clinical practice and enhancement of clinical education through research. Fundamental to the center's success will be collaboration between collegebased faculty and hospital-based clinicians.

The Prince Charitable Trusts has awarded \$40,500 to JANE LLEWELLYN, PhD, RN, CNAA (Rush 1982): RUTH KLEINPELL, PhD, RN (RUSH 1995); JANE GRADY, PhD; PAULA DILLON, MS, RN; and SUSAN HUERTA, MS, RN for their study, "Generating Solutions to Improving Nursing Morale." The purpose of this study is to assess the efficacy of forums that engage clinical nurses in finding solutions for job-related stress and their impact on workplace morale.

JOYCE KEITHLEY, PhD (RUSH 1980), has been awarded funding for her project, "Safety and Efficacy of Glucomannan for Weight Loss." This project was funded by the Charles J. and Margaret Roberts Trust in the amount of \$186,000 and will evaluate the safety and efficacy of a highly viscous water-soluble fiber supplement, glucomannan, for achieving weight loss in overweight and moderately obese individuals. Co-Investigators are BARBARA SWANSON, PhD (RUSH 1999); MARK DeMEO, MD; SUSAN MIKOLAITIS, RD, LD; and LOUIS FOGG, PhD.



FACULTY & STUDENT NEWS

FACULTY NEWS ::

JOELLEN WILBUR, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, has been appointed associate dean for research and scholarship in the College of Nursing. Wilbur is a professor in the Department of Women, Children and Family Nursing and the Independence Foundation Professor of Nursing.

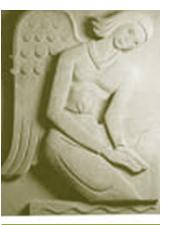
Throughout the spring, the College of Nursing was actively recruiting applicants for two open leadership positions: a successor to JULIA MUENNICH COWELL, PhD, RNC, FAAN, as chairperson of the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing and the newly created position of chairperson of the Department of Adult Health Nursing. More information about these appointments within the college will be available in the next issue of News & Views.

STUDENT NEWS ::

Three Rush students represented the College of Nursing at the 32nd Annual MNRS Research Conference in Indianapolis in March. LORETTA BOND presented on "Health Disparities an Imperative for Nursing Education for the 21st Century," VALERIE GRUSS presented on "Relation of Work Empowerment to Job Satisfaction and Absenteeism Among Dementia-Care Certified Nursing Assistants in Long-Term Care Facilities," and CHARLOTTE D. STRAHM presented on "Parents' Experience Raising a Child with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder."

MARGARET FAUT-CALLAHAN, CRNA, PHD, FAAN (Pres-St. Luke's 1976 and Rush 1979 and 1984), has been named dean of Marquette University College of Nursing. Faut-Callahan is chair of adult health nursing in Rush University College of Nursing, program director of the nurse anesthesia program at Rush, member of the Board of Trustees of Rush University Medical Center, and president of the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Nurses Alumni Association. She earned her master's and doctorate degrees as well as her nurse anesthetist certification at Rush, where she has served as an administrator for more than 25 years. Faut-Callahan will assume her position at Marquette full-time beginning Oct. 1 and plans to finish out her term as president of the nurses alumni association, which ends at Homecoming in October.

FAUT-**CALLAHAN** NAMED DEAN OF MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING



IN MEMORIAM

ST. LUKE'S

ELYNOR HODGES CARNEY, 1936, of Cheney, Wash.; Feb. 11, 2008

ELIZABETH FUNK DAVID, 1940, of Woodland, Wash.; March 31, 2006

ANN LIPINSKI HUTCHINSON, 1940, LANCASTER, 1956, of Walterboro, of Mansfield, Pa.: Jan. 30, 2006

RUTH CANNON CONKLIN, 1941, of Elkhorn, Wis.; Sept. 5, 2007

EVALYN J. SMALL MIKES, 1941, of Monroe, Wis.; Jan. 2, 2008

IRENE RUTH ERNST JENNINGS, 1944, of West Chicago, Ill.; March 13, 2005

LORRAINE BROZ TOMAN, 1946A of LaGrange, Ill.; April 8, 2007

MARIAN H. ALLENFORT TOMAN, 1946, of Tustin, Calif.; July 5, 2006

LAURA ROOD ALLERTON, 1947, of Woodstock, Ga.; Nov. 4, 2006

HELEN ALBERT HAYES, 1947B, of Warren, Mich.; March 5, 2008

BETTY LOU SCHULZE MORRIS, 1947, of St. Charles, Ill.; Nov. 13, 2007

GRACE SCHLENER PIPER, 1950A. of North Olmsted, Ohio: Jan. 3, 2008

MARGE BLECHSCHMIDT AUSSPRUNG, 1952B, of Mesa, Ariz.; September 2007

DELORES GILL SWATOS, 1952B, of Oak Brook, Ill.: Feb. 13, 2008

EVELYN JEAN FREY MEYER. 1953A, of Germantown, Md.; Nov. 9, 2007

DONNA L. REIMERS BLOOMQUIST, 1955A. of Sedona. Ariz.: Dec. 15, 2007

JOYCE IREY CALLAGHAN, 1955, of ROSEBUD L. HYINK Emerald Isle, N.C.; July 2, 2007

NONA MURRAY LUNDGREN, 1955, of Valparaiso, Ind.; Dec. 17, 2006

EDITH (LAVERNE) FENTRESS S.C.: 2007

JOANNE DOWNING MULLEN. 1957, of San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

ADELLE MARSHALL BOEGERSHAUSEN, 1958, of San Anselmo, Calif.; Aug. 21, 2007

PRESBYTERIAN

HELEN M. JENSEN, 1929, of Bethlehem Woods, Ill.; August 2007

BARBARA C. LUTZ, 1939, of Sturgis, S.D.; June 8, 2006

DOROTHY L. VINALL MOBURG, 1941, of Daytona Beach, Fla.; July 12, 2006

JEAN BEVERLY JONGEWAARD FARR, 1942, of Encinitas, Calif.; Nov. 6, 2007

DOROTHY VINSON HALL, 1942, of Anchorage, Alaska

ALICE KENNEDY von der HEYDT. 1942, of Wheaton, Ill.; November 2007

SARAH GENE ZIMMERMANN BROWNFIELD, 1944, of Riverside, III.; Dec. 25, 2007

LOIS KATHERINE MOODY, 1948, of Elizabethtown, Ky.; Nov. 28, 2007

MARIE E. SILBERHORN MUNROE, 1948, of Rancho Palos Verdes. Calif.; April 24, 2007

MIRIAM I. WEIBEL CARLSON, 1952(F), of Highland, Ind.; Jan 1, 2008

GRISHKOWSKY, 1952(F), of Dubuque, Iowa; March 17, 2008

WILMA J. HAMMOND, 1952, of Sun City, Ariz.; 2007

MARY HARSTAD MOLDSTAD, 1953, of North Mankato, Minn.; May 23, 2007

CATHERINE KNOTT PELLEGRINO. 1955, of Plano, Ill.; Oct. 18, 2007

NANNETTE BARTELS MODESTOW, 1957, of Florence, Mass.; Nov. 15, 2007

PRESBYTERIAN-ST. LUKE'S

JCAROL CUNNINGHAM, 1961, of Gainesville, Fla.; Oct. 12, 2007

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CAROL E. HEDEEN-POHLMAN TRAPP. BS 1976, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; May 2006

RITA BURG QUERO, BS 1981, of Ft. Myers, Fla.; Dec. 24, 2007

ANNE REGINA KELLER, BS 1995, ND 1997, of Chicago; Sept. 9, 2006











HOMECOMING: FOUR SCHOOLS, ONE GREAT NURSING TRADITION

More than 150 alumni participated in Homecoming 2007 on Oct. 12, 2007.

For the first time, all of the daytime events and evening Homecoming Banquet took place on Rush's very own West Side campus. Daytime events included educational sessions, the opportunity to learn about recent changes in nursing education from Rush faculty and administration and a continuing education lecture on "Understanding Symptom Clusters Related to the Patient Experience," from 2007 Distinguished Alumna Andrea Barsevick, PhD, RN, AOCN (Rush MSN 1975, DNSc 1984). Alumni closed out the day's activities with the traditional alumni reception and tea.

Attendees returned to Rush's campus that evening for the Homecoming Banquet and Annual Meeting of the Nurses Alumni Association, an evening of food, drinks and good conversation with fellow alumni. Additionally, the classes of 1957 from both Presbyterian and St. Luke's presented checks to Dean Melanie C. Dreher, PhD, RN, FAAN, for \$10,000 to support student scholarships and geronotology.

THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING ON FRIDAY, OCT. 17, 2008, will honor classes from St. Luke's, Presbyterian, Presbyterian-St. Luke's and Rush whose years end in a 3 or an 8. All activities — from daytime sessions to the evening's Homecoming Banquet — will again take place on Rush's campus.

Hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Chicago Marriott at Medical District/UIC (just across the street from campus at Ashland and Harrison). To make your reservations early, call the hotel at (800) 356-3641, and mention Rush Nurses Homecoming 2008 to get the special rate of \$169.

Look for your official Homecoming 2008 invitation to arrive later this summer.

CLASS NOTES

ST. LUKE'S ::

MARYALICE FLECKSTEIN JONES, 1944(B), of Upland, Calif., has moved 12 times during the more than 62 years that she and her husband have been married. She worked in industrial and student health nursing until joining her husband's travel business in 1975, when they began to tour the world together.

MARY J. SCHROEDER HESS, 1953(B), of Hilton Head Island, S.C., writes that she and her roommates from Schweppe and 1953(B) classmates RUTH VAN ORT BROWN and JOAN WOLFF HALLA, along with their husbands, have an annual luncheon get-together. Classmate DIANA VESPA PERSCHKE often joins them. Hess also recently ran into alumna MARTHA SCHEELER HORTON, who was vacationing near Hess's home. Hess, a class agent, is very much looking forward to attending her class's 55th anniversary celebration at this year's Homecoming.

PRESBYTERIAN ::

CATHERINE KRATTEBOL LITT, 1935, of Antigo, Wis., writes that after her two children were grown, she worked part-time at Rush as a float and assistant head nurse on 2 Pavilion until 1971.

ELIZABETH KINZER O'FARRELL, 1942, of Tallahassee, Fla., has written a memoir about the more than 7 years she served in the United States Navy Nurse Corps during and after World War II. The book, *WWII...A Navy Nurse Remembers*, is available for purchase on www.amazon.com.

MARGARET MYERS RIEDEL, 1945, of Lombard, Ill., is retired and living in the Beacon Hill retirement community.

PHYLLIS CAFFEE ECKMAN, 1947, taught nursing from 1967 to 1984 and then worked as a part-time librarian in the late 1980s. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, a master's degree from University of St. Francis in 1967 and a master of library science degree from Indiana University in 1980. She and her husband, Charles, live in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Texas, was instrumental in starting a clinic for the underinsured and clients at poverty level. The clinic

celebrated its grand opening in February. Vangsnes has been on the clinic's building committee from its inception and is now a member of the advisory board.

JOANNE SCHULTZ OLSON, 1955, is a sales representative for Stewart-Taylor Printing in Duluth, Minn.

PRESBYTERIAN-ST. LUKE'S ::

JOELLA HYNES, 1961, of Aurora, Ill., is a nurse at Edward Hospital, where the nursing staff has received the prestigious Magnet designation.

JEANNE BLUNDY, 1966, of Chicago, is manager of patient relations at Rush University Medical Center.

MARILYN JOYCE JOHNSON TATEIWA, 1966, and her husband, Toshiro, live in Japan, where they moved after her husband, a former fellow at Pres-St. Luke's, completed an ob/gyn fellowship. There Dr. Tateiwa founded an ob/gyn hospital. Tateiwa and her husband have many fond memories of their time at Pres-St. Luke's and toured the Medical Center during a visit to Chicago last October.

COLONEL BARBARA HUGHES WILDER, 1966, is a retired U.S. Air Force pediatric nurse practitioner and a self-described master gardener. During the school year, she leads nature hikes for children in grades three through five.

SANDRA CASHMAN, 1967, of Fox River Grove, Ill., has been appointed director of hospice at Family Home Health and Family Centered Hospice Services, Inc. Cashman will be responsible for program growth, operations, business profitability, oversight of clinical staff and the delivery of high-quality patient care services.

RONALD INSKEEP, 1967, and his wife, Judith, have moved to a Quaker retirement center in Pennsylvania.

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MARCA BRISTO, BS 1976, NAA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA 1995, was featured in the 2007 "Chicagoans of the Year" issue

of *Chicago Magazine* for her role as a national leader in promoting disability rights and a local champion of persons with disabilities. Bristo is president and CEO of Access Living, an advocacy group for people with disabilities. Additionally, Bristo was recently elected to the Rush University Medical Center Board of Trustees.

MAGDELENE IGLAR, MS 1976, of El Paso, Texas, is retired and enjoying the desert southwest.

MARGARET WASZKIEWICZ, BS 1976, MS 1990, of Chicago is the unit director of 6 North and 7 South Johnston R. Bowman Health Center's rehabilitation services at Rush.

L. KATHLEEN "KATE" COBB CERBIN, BS 1977, of South Bend, Ind., works in the medical department of United Airlines in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

ANN YOKOTA GASPARI, BS 1978, received her MN from University of Washington with an ARNP-BC in adult/older adult in 2003. She is now a faculty member teaching maternal/child health at Bellevue Community College in Bellevue, Wash.

JUDY MCCANN, MS 1978, DNSc 1991, of Northbrook, Ill., was elected to the Institute of Medicine Chicago.

KATHLEEN POTEMPA, MS 1978, DNSC 1986, NAA

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA 2003, has been elected to serve as president-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Board of Directors. Potempa is dean of the University of Michigan School of Nursing.

DEBBIE GIST, BS 1979, MARGARET WASZKIEWICZ, BS 1976, MS 1990, and **NANCY FOWLER, MSN 2004,** were recently honored with The Mary Beth O'Holleran Mentorship Award by Rush University Medical Center. All are nurses at Rush.

JANE PERRY PHILIPS, MS 1979, of Granger, Ind., is coordinator of the Lymphedema Treatment Program for Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

VIRGINIA MARKVART, BS 1980, was recently honored with the Gerontological Nursing Clinical Excellence Award by Rush University Medical Center.









CLASS NOTES

JEAN RANGE, BS 1980, is executive director of disease-specific care certification for The Joint Commission. An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care.

LAURA BRADFORD, BS 1981, MSN 2003, of Chicago, retired from the faculty of Rush College of Nursing in February 2008.

RICKI MOSS RUBINSTEIN LOAR, BS 1981, MS 1984, of Edmond, Okla., earned a PhD from the University of Illinois in 2007. She is currently an assistant professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

KATHRYN PAYNE, BS 1981, of Nashville, Tenn., is a nurseattorney, directing the ethics program at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. She completed her law degree at Pepperdine University in Malibu and her fellowship in clinical medical ethics at the University of Chicago.

MARIANNE BERENS HUML, MS 1982, of Wheaton, Ill., is director of oncology education and multidisciplinary care at Central DuPage Hospital. Huml was profiled in the March 2008 issue of the Chicago edition of *Nurses' Lounge* magazine.

MARJORIE GADSON ROACHE, BS 1982, of South Holland, Ill., is dean of nursing at South Suburban College in South Holland. Her colleagues in the college's Department of Nursing include HOLLY JANSSEN, BS 1980, of Frankfort, Ill., coordinator of the practical nursing program, and faculty member NANCY E. HAYDA MILLS, PSL 1963 and RUSH DNSc 2003, of Hinsdale, Ill.

KATHLEEN RYAN DELANEY, DNSc 1983, Cert. 2005, associate professor of nursing and clinical nurse coordinator at Rush University Medical Center, and MARY C. BASOLO-KUNZER, DNSc 1984, associate professor of nursing in the Division of Nursing and Health Professions at Indiana University, South Bend, both serve on the editorial board of the Archives of Psychiatric Nursing.

PAULETTE KLARIN, BS 1983, of Chicago is a nurse at Rush, working in geriatric psych in the Johnston R. Bowman Health Center.

RUTHANNE REICHERT TAYLOR, BS 1983, MS 1989, of

Freedom, Wyo., is a former assistant clinical professor at Yale University School of Nursing and a former program director of Air Idaho Rescue. She began professional figure skating in 1977 and is an international judge for the sport. She is active in camping, is a member at large of Bauen Camp, Wyo., and is a docent at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyo. Taylor was the recipient of a Superior Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State in 2007.

ROSEMARY WHITE-TRAUT, DNSc 1983, professor and head of the Department of Maternal-Child Nursing at University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing, received a \$4-million, five-year Research Project Grant (RO1) from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The award will support her project, "Feeding and Transition to Home for Preterms at Social Risk."

PHYLLIS KORPAN, BS 1984, and BEN INVENTOR, MSN 2003, presented "Journey to Person-Centered Dementia Care in an Acute Care Setting" at the 14th National Evidence-Based Practice Conference, sponsored by the University of Iowa Hospitals. Korpan was also recently honored with the Geronotological Nursing Leadership Award from Rush University Medical Center.

BARBARA MARTIN, MS 1984, of Naperville, Ill., is director of nursing for gerontology and psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center.

KIMBERLY SKINNER ROHAN, BS 1984, is the recipient of the 2007 Oncology Nursing Society Excellence in Oncology Nursing Health Policy and Advocacy Award in recognition of her achievements and involvement in oncology nursing health policy and advocacy. Rohan is an advanced practice nurse at Edward Cancer Center in Naperville, Ill.

DANA DOMBROWSKI BRACKNEY, BS 1987, is a diabetes educator at Mountain Family Medicine in Boone, N.C. She is also a student at Eastern Tennessee State University.

COURTNEY LYDER, BS 1989, MS 1990, ND 1991, NAA
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS 2006, has been selected to be

the next dean of the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Nursing. Since 2003, he has been on the faculty at the University of Virginia and in 2006 was appointed director for diversity initiatives for its School of Nursing and Medical Center. Lyder is also a senior consultant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he has influenced federal regulations and policies related to elder care throughout the U.S. Lyder's term as dean of UCLA School of Nursing begins August 1.

BETTY RAMBUR, MS 1988 and DNSc 1991, of South Burlington, Vt., dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at University of Vermont, was selected from a national pool as an American Council on Education Fellow, a leadership development program preparing select individuals for senior leadership in university administration. As a fellow, Rambur is spending the 2007 - 2008 academic year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, under the mentorship of the provost, chancellor and other senior leaders. In November, she was also honored by Sigma Theta Tau International with the Best of Journal of Nursing Scholarship for Profession and Society award.

FREDERICK BROWN, BS 1989, MS 1994, DNP 2007, of Chicago, was appointed assistant professor of nursing and is an orthopedic clinical nurse specialist at Rush. He recently graduated from the DNP program at Rush, and in 2006 he retired from the Navy Reserves after 22 years of military service. Brown and his wife, Kathy, have been married 13 years.

CATHY CATRAMBONE, MS 1989, DNSc 2000, of Oak Park, Ill., received the Herbert C. DeYoung Medal from the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago on Nov. 17, 2007, in recognition of extraordinary service and leadership in promoting the lung health mission in Chicago. Catrambone is an associate professor of Adult Health Nursing at Rush.

LORNA ROZANSKI DUDZIK, BS 1989, MS 1992, has taken a faculty position at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, III.

MARIA CONNOLLY, DNSc 1992, of Oak Forest, Ill., was inducted into the Academy of Nursing Education/National League for Nursing in September at its annual Nursing Education Summit.

KAREN KILEY, BS 1992, MS 1996, is immediate past-president of the Chicago chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society.

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RENE CATALANO, MS 1994, is staff educator in the coronary care unit at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Catalano was part of a group of seven nurses — all alumni of Loyola University, class of 1988 — featured in a story in the November 2007 issue of *Nurses' Lounge* magazine's Chicagoland edition.

RENEE C.B. MANWORREN, MS 1994, of Plano, Texas, was the head gymnastics coach for Team USA at the Special Olympic World Games in Shanghai, China. Manworren is director of clinical practice development at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. For information about the team and their experience, visit www.specialolympicsteamusa.org.

MARIA REYES, BS 1994, MS 1996, Cert. 1997, of Chicago, is a clinical coordinator for the Rush Fetal and Neonatal Medicine Program. Reyes is a nurse practitioner specializing in high-risk obstetrics and women's health care.

SEAN BARNAWELL, BS 1995, of Lancaster, Pa., earned his MSN and CRNA degrees from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 2007.

BETH BOLICK, MS 1995, Cert. 1995, of Evanston, Ill., was selected as one of the Illinois Nurse Educator Fellows by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

TRENDA BUSSEY KLINSKY, ND 1996, lives in the suburbs of Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, Dr. Lawrence Klinsky, and their three children. She works part-time as a PNP in the pediatric acute care clinic at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

SHARON TUCKER, DNSc 1996, is nurse administrator and clinical nurse researcher in the Division of Nursing Research, Department of Nursing, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Tucker is also a fellow in the Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellows Program.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF NURSING EDUCATION AT RUSH ::

As of March 20, the Campaign for Rush University Medical Center had raised more than \$3.5 million for Rush College of Nursing — \$2.2 million for student scholarships and \$1.3 million for research and other uses within the college.

The campaign will raise \$300 million for patient care, research, education, student-led community outreach programs and new facilities, including a new hospital building. Thank you to all of our generous alumni who have made gifts during this period of growth and progress.

To learn more about the campaign and its progress, visit http://www.rushcampaign.org. For more information on ways to make a gift to Rush, please contact Genet Soule, associate director of Alumni Relations, at genet_soule@rush.edu or (312) 942-7199.









CLASS NOTES

NICOLE MOHIUDDIN, College of Nursing BS 1997, College of Health Sciences MS 2001, of Lake in the Hills, Ill., has been inducted as a nurse leader into the Gamma Phi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. She has worked in the field of nursing informatics and received ANCC board certification in nursing informatics in 2003. She is an active member of the HIMSS Nursing Informatics Task Force and works as manager of performance enhancement services for Hospira Worldwide, Inc. Her work centers on the design and management of medication safety software utilized in infusion pumps.

KATHLEEN KILLEEN, MSN 1999, was recently honored with the Luther Christman Clinical Excellence Award by Rush University Medical Center.

CONNIE NELSON-LEMME, BSN 1999, was recently honored with the Bobbie O'Brien Award for Clinical Excellence in Oncology Nursing by Rush University Medical Center.

ANCY ZACHARIA, MSN 1999, Cert. 1999, of Addison, Ill., a nurse practitioner with HomeCare Physicians of Wheaton, Ill., recently celebrated making her 10,000th home visit since joining the practice in 1999. In October 2007, Zacharia was appointed to Illinois' Older Adult Services Advisory Committee.

CHERIE HOWK, DNSc 2000, of Clinton, Ind., is returning to Indiana State University in advanced practice and as a professor for some undergraduate distance courses.

RUSH COLLEGE OF NURSING LAPEL PINS, CLASS RINGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE::

The Rush University Bookstore now has Rush College of Nursing lapel pins available for pre-order by nursing graduate students and alumni. Pins will be customized with the letters of your program (MSN, DNP or PhD).

Additionally, school rings are available for order through the Jostens Company, with a number of styles and options for customization.

For information on how to order a pin or ring, call Joel Thomas in the Rush University Bookstore at (312) 942-5845.

KEVIN LETZ, ND 2001, and his wife, Michelle, have moved to Buckeye, Ariz.

KELLY CROWLEY, BSN 2003, and **ERIK McINTOSH, BSN 2004**, were both recently certified by the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses.

ABIGAIL MATOS-PAGAN, ND 2003, was primary investigator for a study on "Creating an Organization of Volunteer Nurses," for which she organized a group of volunteer nurses in Puerto Rico to be trained to assume leadership in the event of a large-scale disaster. Matos-Pagan is an educator at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez and also project director for the Coalition of Nurses for Communities in Disaster of Puerto Rico.

JENNIFER NORRIS-ROSAS, ND 2003, is a certified nurse practitioner with South Park Pediatrics, in South Holland, Ill.

REBECCA ZAPATOCHNY-RUFO, DNSc 2003, is eICU operations director for Resurrection eICU Partners. Resurrection Health Care recently implemented an eICU for their critical care units. With eICU technology, an offsite team of physicians and critical care nurses, including Zapatochny-Rufo, monitors ICU patients at multiple Resurrection Health Care hospitals via an elaborate telemedicine video and audio monitoring system. Zapatochny-Rufo's eICU team is located at Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines, III.

JOYCE KILPATRICK, BSN 2004, was recently honored with the Maternal-Child Nurse of the Year Award by Rush University Medical Center.

MARIZA MARCILI, MSN 2004, CERT. 2006, is a psychiatric nurse practitioner at Heartland Alliance and has begun working toward her PhD at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

MARY VAL REGINA PALUMBO, ND 2004, of Hyde Park, Vt., is adjunct associate professor of nursing and director of the Office of Nursing Workforce Research, Planning and Development at the University of Vermont.

MAREN WISEHEART, BSN 2004, was recently honored with the Professional Nursing Staff Community Service Award

by Rush University Medical Center for her project "Team H.O.P.E." at Camp Biloxi Clinic.

LAURA ZUCKERMAN, BSN 2004, of Chicago is a charge nurse in the adult critical care – neuro intensive care unit at Rush University Medical Center. For the second quarter of fiscal year 2008, Rush named Zuckerman Employee of the Quarter. Rush University Medical Center has more than 8,000 employees.

DEBRA BERRY, MSN 2006, has accepted an ACNP position, which she began in January, with Lee Memorial Healthsystem in Fort Myers, Fla.

ARTHUR HACKET, BSN 2006, is the chronic care program supervisor at Lawndale Christian Health Center on Chicago's West Side. He oversees patient education for the diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease programs.

JOY ELWELL, DNP 2006, received the Dr. Nancy J. Macintyre Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award from the Nurse Practitioner Association of New York last October. Elwell is a family nurse practitioner and director of Concordia College's College Health Service, which she established in 1994. Elwell also serves as director of the parish health ministry for Village Lutheran Church and maintains a private nurse-practitioner practice at Concordia.

ALYSON KAPLAN LIPPMAN, BSN 2006, of Chicago, was married in April 2007. She is a staff RN on labor and delivery at Prentice Women's Hospital.

MARY MAGUIRE McNAMARA, BSN 2006, lives with her husband, John, and two sons in Rockford, Ill., where she works as an ER staff nurse at Swedish American Hospital.

DEBORAH TIMMINS, BSN 2006, works in the intermediate care unit, which is part of the critical care unit at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downer's Grove, III.

ALLISON DUNCAN, MSN 2007, of Fox Point, Wis., works at Froedert Hospital in Milwaukee.

ERIN MIKOS, BSN 2007, of Homer Glen, Ill., works on 11 Kellogg at Rush in oncology. She began working on her master's degree at Rush this spring.

Write your news below – clip and send to us for our next newsletter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ::

Please send your news to alumni@rush.edu or *News & Views*, c/o Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Nurses Alumni Association, Rush University Medical Center, 1700 West Van Buren Street, Suite 250, Chicago, IL 60612.

Newsletter of the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Nurses Alumni Association





ALUMNI GIVING ENERGIZES RUSH'S CAMPAIGN



DOROTHY (ST. LUKE'S 1956) AND EGON MENKER

Rush University College of Nursing has long had a transformational impact in nursing. Its emphasis on evidence-based practice and acute, critical thinking has set new standards for the field. And now, Rush is again making a transformational impact with a \$300 million campaign to change the future of health care, including a goal of \$20 million in financial assistance for the students of Rush University's four colleges. Alumni giving has bolstered this effort, including a generous gift from St. Luke's 1956 alumna Dorothy Seyfang Menker and her husband, Egon, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Their \$250,000 leadership gift has established the Dorothy Seyfang Menker Endowed Scholarship for Nursing. This fund is already transforming lives, with more than \$4,000 in scholarship support provided to one student each year, an amount that will only increase as the fund's principal grows with time.

"I remember my St. Luke's education fondly, and we're so grateful to have Rush in our lives. In large institutions, you may get lost or be treated as a number," Dorothy said.

"At Rush, we've always felt like the staff know us and care. You don't get that everywhere," Egon added. "Life has been good to us, and we're just blessed to be able to give back."

The Menkers' gift also supports Rush's campus transformation. In addition to student financial assistance and vital support for research, clinical programs and community service, Rush's campaign will partially finance the construction of a new hospital. Rush will also build an

orthopedic ambulatory building, renovate some existing facilities and integrate the latest technology throughout the Medical Center.

The state-of-the-art new hospital, for which Rush broke ground in September (see Page 6), will be Chicago's first "green" full-service hospital. In recognition of their generosity, a family lounge on one of the critical care floors in the new hospital building will be named for the Menkers.

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Along with the Menkers, other gifts from alumni and their families have strengthened this effort to create a leading-edge environment for student training and patient care. Alumna Sandra Kelson Davis (St. Luke's 1959) and her husband, Ronald, have given to student scholarships. Richard Strait, DDS, has made a gift for Dean Dreher's discretionary use in memory of his late wife, alumna Jeanette ("Jan") Uhrie Strait (Pres.-St. Luke's 1960). And Distinguished Alumnus Courtney Lyder, ND, GNP, FAAN (RUSH 1989, 1990, 1991), who is profiled on Page 3 of this issue, made a gift to establish an endowed scholarship fund. Their generosity, and that of the many alumni, faculty and friends who have made campaign gifts, is propelling Rush University toward its \$20 million goal for student financial assistance.

As of Oct. 31, the campaign had raised more than \$242 million, including \$122 million for facilities and \$16 million for Rush University student financial assistance, almost \$3 million of which will support Rush nursing students. If you are interested in learning more about the Campaign for Rush University Medical Center or making a gift to student financial assistance or one of our nursing funds, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (312) 942-2569.

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN MELANIE DREHER

A WILDLY DIFFERENT VISION OF NURSING

Today, two wildly different orientations prevail in nursing education: one devoted to our past successes and the other to new possibilities never before imagined.

As a college of nursing, we could point to our achievements, celebrated in our national rankings and in the careers of our eminent alumni, and elect to continue with what has worked in the past. Or we could glimpse into the future of health care and acknowledge that we can no longer prepare nurses for contemporary practice because that practice, as we know it, will soon cease to exist. The increasingly significant role that nurses play as the centerpiece of health care has clear mandates for nursing education. Leadership skills are necessary to bolster clinical excellence.

On June 16, we welcomed 52 college graduates to the first offering of the Advanced Generalist Master's program to prepare clinician leaders. The capacity to create this program in one academic year is a tribute to the visionary faculty of the College of Nursing who honor the genius of our past and sustain our enduring values, while preparing graduates who will creatively manage the future. I encourage you to read the story of just one of our many promising new students on Page 5 of this issue.

Nursing education at Rush has always been at the forefront of change, but health care today requires not just change, not just reform, but true transformation. Rush University Medical Center, where nurse educators and clinicians work in unison, provides the fertile ground in which this wildly different vision of nursing can grow and multiply.

Best wishes.

Milanie J. Dricher

HOMECOMING 2008 PHOTOS





CON ALUMNUS LYDER APPOINTED DEAN OF UCLA SCHOOL OF NURSING

Rush University College of Nursing alumnus Courtney H. Lyder, ND, GNP, FAAN (RUSH 1989, 1990, 1991), has gained the reputation of a trailblazer. He was the first minority faculty member to earn tenure at Yale School of Nursing and the second youngest person inducted into the American Academy of Nursing. Now he can add first African-American male to lead a U.S. nursing school to his growing list of accomplishments. On Aug. 1, Lyder became the new dean of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Nursing and, at age 42, one of the nation's youngest deans.

Lyder joined UCLA after five years with the University of Virginia (UVa), where he was an endowed professor of nursing and a professor of internal medicine and geriatrics, head of the acute and specialty care department and director of the school's geriatric nurse practitioner program. In 2006, Lyder was appointed director for diversity initiatives for UVa's School of Nursing and medical center. He was honored as the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Nurses Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus that same year.

Lyder and the many alumni like him who blaze new trails in their positions of leadership (see Page 13) have promoted the kind of evidence-based practice, compassionate care and astute critical thinking for which Rush is known worldwide.

"As a Rush nursing student you learn firsthand from master clinicians and teachers. They assisted us in translating the science of nursing from the bench to the bedside. In this manner, Rush was at the forefront of translational nursing science," Lyder said.

In fact, Lyder believes so strongly in nursing education at Rush that he recently supported Rush's current capital campaign with the establishment of an endowed scholarship fund. The Ormonde and Jean Lyder-Peters Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund, named in honor of Lyder's parents, will provide financial assistance to deserving gerontology nursing students.



COURTNEY H. LYDER, ND, GNP, FAAN (RUSH 1989, 1990 AND 1991) Photo courtesy of Reed Hutchinson for UCLA Media Relations

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COLLEGE NEWS

RESEARCH ::

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Rush University College of Nursing a \$585,220 Federal Advanced Education Grant to develop innovative online clinical supervision tools for psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner students at the college. Co-principal investigators on this grant are Rush faculty LINNEA CARLSON-SABELLI, PhD (RUSH 1978), and KATHLEEN R. DELANEY, PhD, RN, PMH-NP (RUSH 1983 and 2005). The grant began July 1 and ends June 30, 2011.

STUDENT NEWS ::

Rush University College of Nursing is pleased to be among the first institutions in the nation to receive funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) through the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program. Grants provided through this competitive program will be used for scholarships for students enrolled in Rush's Advanced Generalist Master's program. This groundbreaking national initiative, launched by RWJF and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, aims to help alleviate the nation's nursing shortage by dramatically expanding the pipeline of students in accelerated nursing programs. RWJF has awarded Rush \$200,000 in expendable scholarship support for the 2008 - 2009 academic year. The grant provides 20 of Rush's Advanced Generalist Master's students with \$10,000 scholarships.

FACULTY NEWS ::

Two of Rush's nurse educators were given faculty excellence awards at the College of Nursing's June 13 convocation ceremony. KATHLEEN R. DELANEY, PhD, RN, PMH-NP (RUSH 1983 and 2005), professor in the Department of Community, Systems and Mental Health Nursing, was selected by fellow faculty as recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award. JUDITH FREI, MNS, RN, instructor in the Department of Adult Health Nursing, was selected by the graduating prelicensure students as recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

SUSAN SWIDER, PhD, APRN, BC, has been appointed the College of Nursing liaison to Rush University's new Office of Community and Global Health. The office was established to promote, create and organize interdisciplinary community service learning activities across the university.

COST OF TUITION IN THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ::

Full time per quarter: \$7,379

Per credit hour: \$648

RUSH TO PUBLISH ALUMNI DIRECTORY A Rush University Alumni Directory will be published next year. This directory will be the most complete and up-to-date reference of more than 10,000 Rush alumni worldwide.

Rush's Office of Alumni Relations has partnered with Harris Connect Inc., a leading alumni directory publisher, who will send questionnaires by e-mail and mail to all alumni to update and verify profiles for inclusion in the directory. When contacted, please take a few moments to update your information for inclusion in this convenient networking resource.

If you have any questions about the directory, contact Stacey Bramnik in the Office of Alumni Relations at (312) 942-2569 or alumni@rush.edu.







STUDENT PROFILE

ADAM GREY, ADVANCED GENERALIST MASTER'S

Adam Grey is not your traditional nursing student. After earning his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of California, Santa Barbara and performing as a dancer for 10 years, he decided to pursue a degree that would open countless doors in a career that would combine intellect and service. He and 51 other graduate students matriculated in June 2008 as the first Advanced Generalist Master's nursing class at Rush University College of Nursing.

Over their 1,090 hours of clinical education, Grey and his classmates will benefit from comprehensive clinical leadership content that is often absent from bachelor's nursing programs. And despite the wide range of nursing roles this program's graduates may fill, their education is, first and foremost, patient-focused.

"This program truly gives us the skills to get out there and function at a high level. We'll all have an eye on the big picture, but we will never, ever lose sight of patient-centered bedside care. Yes, you can be a nurse leader, and you can go far, but you must take that patient with you," he said. "I don't think I will ever feel like a nurse in a suit. I want to be involved in the lives of my patients for a very long time."

The curriculum for the Advanced Generalist Master's program focuses on improving quality and safety in changing health care environments, while giving students the skills to succeed in a number of different nursing roles. With prelicensure and postlicensure components, the program serves both post-bachelor's students who are new to the field of nursing and licensed nurses seeking certification as an advanced generalist.



ADAM GREY STUDENT, ADVANCED GENERALIST MASTER'S PROGRAM

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RUSH ALUMNI LEADING THE FUTURE OF NURSING EDUCATION

A Rush nursing education equips its graduates for leadership with strategic thinking, decision-making and ensuring the highest quality patient care. Like Courtney Lyder (see Page 3), other Rush-Prestyberian-St. Luke's alumni hold leadership positions at all levels of higher education nationwide:

- THELMA CLEVELAND (PRESBYTERIAN 1955), Dean Emeritus of Washington State University College of Nursing, Spokane, Wash.
- MARIA CONNOLLY (DNSC 1992), Dean of University of St. Francis College of Nursing and Allied Health, Joliet, Ill.
- CAROLE ELDRIDGE (DNP 2006), Dean of Southwest Baptist University St. John's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Springfield, Mo.
- MARGARET FAUT-CALLAHAN (PSL 1976, MS 1979, DNSC 1984), Dean of Marquette University College of Nursing, Milwaukee, Wis.
- MARGARET S. HICKS GERARD (BSN 1976, DNSC 1993),
 Dean of Purdue University Calumet School of Nursing, Hammond, Ind.
- CYNTHIA SMITH GREENBERG (BSN 1976), Chair of the Department of Nursing, California State University, Fullerton
- JEANNE SEBERG JOHNSON (PRESBYTERIAN 1956), Chair Emeritus of William Jewell College Department of Nursing, Liberty, Mo.
- KATHLEEN POTEMPA (MSN 1978, DNSC 1986), Dean of the University of Michigan School of Nursing, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- BETTY RAMBUR (MSN 1988, DNSC 1991), Dean of the University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Burlington, Vt.
- MARJORIE GADSON ROACHE (BSN 1982), Dean of South Suburban College Nursing Department, Chicago



Maria Connolly



Carole Eldridge

These Rush alumni and the many others who are nurse leaders work to develop innovative solutions to the nursing shortage, including increasing the number of nursing faculty available to train them.

Rush is proud to have launched the careers of countless successful nursing leaders and educators. If you hold a leadership position, let us know. Update us on your life and career at alumni@rush.edu.

FAST NURSING FACT:

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, U.S. nursing schools were forced to turn away 40,285 qualified applicants to baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in 2007, many schools citing a lack of qualified faculty to prepare future nurses.